

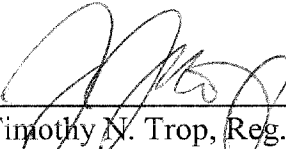
REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to call for sending a request to transmit with attached training symbols. It is quite clear from the material cited in Hammerschmidt, with respect to claim 3, that the cited Hammerschmidt reference does not send training symbols of any number with the request to send message. As noted in the office action, the request to send message is the message 1302 in Figure 13. Note that it has no preamble p. The only preamble p is with the clear to send response 1304. This is explained in paragraph 85 of Hammerschmidt. Namely, there are no training symbols provided with the request to send message.

Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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